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Annotations

1. Election of officers

At its twenty-fifth session, the Committee for Programme and Coordination reaffirmed the decision made at its twenty-fourth session that the post of its Chair, as well as the other posts on the Bureau, should rotate annually among the regional groups in the following pattern of rotation: (a) Group of African States; (b) Group of Eastern European States; (c) Group of Latin American and Caribbean States; (d) Group of Western European and Other States; and (e) Group of Asian States.

At its fiftieth session, the Committee may wish to elect the Chair from the Group of Eastern European States in accordance with the agreed pattern of rotation for the post, and the Rapporteur from the regional group that occupied the post of Chair the previous year, namely, the Group of African States.

2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Pursuant to paragraph 2 (e) of Economic and Social Council resolution 1979/41 and paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 34/50, the Committee submitted to the Council and the Assembly for their review the provisional agenda for its fiftieth session, together with the list of documentation requested.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit concerning the economic, social and human rights programmes of the United Nations system, including the reports dealing with the United Nations Development Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, shall be examined by the Committee, which shall report thereon to the Council and the Assembly. In its resolution 59/267, the Assembly invited the Committee, in performing its programmatic, coordination, monitoring and evaluation functions, as set out in its mandate, to consider relevant reports of the Unit. In that connection, the Committee will select at its organizational meeting, under agenda item 2, the report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit that it will consider at its fiftieth session under agenda item 5.

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 53/207 and 54/236 and decision 54/474, attention is drawn to Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/2000/8, which contains the approved Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation.

By its resolution 64/229, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and decided not to include the agenda item "Improving the working methods and procedures of the Committee for Programme and Coordination" in future sessions, and further decided to discuss related matters under the agenda item "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work" as and when needed.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of documentation for the fiftieth session (E/AC.51/2010/L.1)

Note by the Secretariat on the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2010/L.2)

3. Programme questions

(a) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013

In its resolution 58/269, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change", the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, on a trial basis, for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework to replace the four-year medium-term plan, which would comprise in one document:

(a) Part one: a plan outline, reflecting the longer-term objectives of the Organization;

(b) Part two: a biennial programme plan, to cover two years.

By the same resolution, the General Assembly also affirmed that the strategic framework should constitute the principal policy directive of the United Nations and should serve as the basis for programme planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation, and decided to review, with a view to taking a final decision at its sixty-second session, the format, content and duration of the strategic framework, including the necessity of maintaining part one.

By its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee at its forty-seventh session[1] that the Assembly decide to maintain the strategic framework as the principal policy directive of the United Nations with effect from the biennium 2010-2011 and to continue to include part one: plan outline, in the strategic framework. The Committee requested the Secretary-General to improve the format of part one and the reflection of the longer-term objectives therein and reaffirmed that the Committee should, in performing its programmatic role in the planning and budgeting process, continue to review the programmatic aspects of the new and/or revised mandates approved subsequent to the adoption of the biennial programme plan, as well as any differences that may arise between the biennial programme plan and the programmatic aspects of the proposed programme budget, in accordance with its terms of reference, the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly.

In paragraph 10 of the same resolution, the General Assembly recalled regulation 5.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and reiterated that the Committee for Programme and Coordination should continue to perform its role in reviewing the strategic framework and to recommend any necessary changes to the Economic and Social Council and the Assembly.

By its resolution 63/247, the Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Committee at its forty-eighth session[2] that requested the Secretary-General to

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/62/16).

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-third Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/63/16).

present future plan outlines (part one) of proposed frameworks taking fully into account the guidelines provided by the General Assembly in its resolutions 59/275, 61/235 and 62/224, as well as subsequent relevant resolutions, so as to ensure that they more accurately captured the longer-term objectives of the Organization, based on all mandates that had been approved by the Member States.

In paragraph 8 of the same resolution, the General Assembly reiterated the importance of continuing to improve the logical framework, and in this regard encouraged programme managers to further improve the qualitative aspects of indicators of achievement in order to enable better evaluation of results, bearing in mind the importance of defining the indicators in a way that ensures their clear measurability.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013: part I, plan outline, and part II, biennial programme plan (A/65/6 (Part one and Progs. 1-27))

(b) Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009

Regulation 6.1 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation provides that:

> The Secretary-General shall monitor accomplishments, as measured by the delivery of outputs scheduled in the approved programme budget, through a central unit in the Secretariat. After the completion of the biennial budget period, the Secretary-General shall report to the General Assembly, through the Committee for Programme and Coordination, on programme performance during that period.

In paragraphs 19 and 20 of its resolution 58/269, the General Assembly emphasized the need to strengthen the monitoring and evaluation system and in that regard urged the Secretary-General to improve the format and timing of programme performance and evaluation reports. It requested the Secretary-General to ensure that resources are clearly identified in all sections of the proposed programme budget for the performance of the monitoring and evaluation functions. In paragraph 11 of its resolution 62/224, the Assembly reaffirmed the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination in reviewing performance and evaluation reports.

In its resolution 59/275, the General Assembly, in endorsing the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee set out in chapter II, section B, of the report on its forty-fourth session,[3] decided that the relevant programme of the proposed strategic framework would be considered in conjunction with the corresponding section of the programme performance report. Since the programme performance report reflects the period two bienniums prior to that covered by the proposed strategic framework, the Assembly also decided that the Secretariat would formally present updated information on the relevant parts of the programme performance report on the understanding that such updated information would also be considered. The Assembly further requested that the Secretary-General ensure that future

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/59/16).

programme performance reports provide more detailed information on the reasons for less-than-full implementation of programmed outputs or their postponement and termination.

By its resolution 63/247, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee set out in chapter II, section A, of the report on its forty-eighth session,[2] and requested the Secretary-General to provide more detailed information on the outcome of monitoring and evaluation at the departmental and executive levels, taking into account, in particular, how lessons learned were shared and applied in planning activities. It further requested the Secretary-General to improve consistency and harmonize the presentation of the information regarding challenges, obstacles and unmet goals across all programmes.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/65/__)

(c) Evaluation

Triennial review

By its resolution 62/224, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee contained in chapter III, section C, of its report on its forty-seventh session concerning the in-depth evaluation by the Office of Internal Oversight Services of political affairs. The Committee, at its fiftieth session, will undertake a triennial review of the implementation of the recommendations of the in-depth evaluation of political affairs.

Documentation

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-seventh session on the summary and addendum reports on the evaluation of political affairs (E/AC.51/2010/2)

4. Coordination questions

(a) Report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX), the Committee will have before it the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB) for 2009/10.

In paragraph 5 of its resolution 64/229, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-ninth session[4] regarding the annual overview report of CEB for 2008/09.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2009/10 (E/2010/__)

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[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/64/16).

(b) New Partnership for Africa's Development

In its resolution 60/257, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee on the New Partnership for Africa's Development contained in chapter IV, section B, of its report on the forty-fifth session.[5] In paragraph 237 of the report, the Committee recommended that the Assembly request the Secretary-General to report to the Committee at its forty-sixth session, and annually thereafter, on the progress, including problems, obstacles and challenges, as well as the goals of the United Nations system to be achieved in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

In paragraph 5 of its resolution 64/229, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development contained in chapter III, section B, of its report on its forty-ninth session,[4] including a request to the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa to ensure that United Nations support for NEPAD moves from debate, assessments and recommendations to tangible action and results in respect of NEPAD projects across the African continent and to report thereon in its next report at the fiftieth session of the Committee.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on United Nations system support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/AC.51/2010/3)

5. Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit

Under agenda item 5, the Committee will consider the relevant report or reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to be decided upon by the Committee during its organizational session, on 29 April 2010.

In paragraph 5 of its resolution 64/229, the General Assembly endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-ninth session.[4] In chapter IV of that report, the Committee reaffirmed the conclusions and decisions adopted at its forty-seventh session, including recognizing the need to enhance its dialogue on coordination issues with the Joint Inspection Unit and the CEB secretariat. In the same conclusions and decisions, the Committee also emphasized that, in full accordance with its mandate to assist the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly on coordination, the Committee on Programme and Coordination should enhance its coordination role, through improved cooperation with the CEB secretariat and the Joint Inspection Unit, in order to increase planning efficiency and effectiveness so as to continue to ensure the timeliness of the implementation of, and prevent duplication and redundancy in, the action of the Organization.

Documentation

Report(s) of the Joint Inspection Unit (see E/AC.51/2010/L.2)

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[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 16* and corrigendum (A/60/16 and Corr.1).

6. Provisional agenda for the fifty-first session

Pursuant to paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII), the Committee will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-first session, with an indication of the documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation, in order to enable the Committee to consider those documents, their contribution to its work, their urgency and their relevance in the light of the current situation.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-first session of the Committee (E/AC.51/2010/L.3)

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fiftieth session

The report of the Committee on its fiftieth session will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2010 and to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fiftieth session (E/AC.51/2010/L.4 and addenda)

Annex

Members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for 2010[a]

Member	*Term expires on 31 December*
Argentina	2011
Armenia	2011
Bangladesh	2010
Belarus	2011
Brazil	2011
Central African Republic	2011
China	2010
Comoros	2012
Cuba	2011
Guinea	2011
Haiti	2012
India	2011
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2011
Israel	2012
Italy	2011
Jamaica	2010
Kazakhstan	2011
Kenya	2010
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2010
Namibia	2012
Niger	2010
Nigeria	2011
Pakistan	2011
Republic of Korea	2010
Russian Federation	2012
South Africa	2011
Spain	2011
Ukraine	2011
Uruguay	2011
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	2012

[a] As indicated in A/64/307, there are four vacancies for members from Western European and other States whose term of office would begin on the date of election. Three terms would expire on 31 December 2011 and one on 31 December 2012. Also, in its decision 2009/201 D, the Economic and Social Council postponed the nomination of one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2010.